

Monday.com Integration Guide

1. What This Integration Does

The Newo AI Agent integrates with monday.com so your AI can act as a scheduling assistant on top of your existing monday boards.

Once connected, the AI agent can:

- check appointment availability based on the meetings already on your **Activities** board and offer time slots to callers
- book new appointments and automatically create or link the contact on your **Contacts** board
- cancel appointments by archiving the meeting item on your Activities board
- recognize returning clients by phone number and pull their upcoming bookings into the conversation
- preload availability silently at the start of a session, so the agent answers faster

In plain terms: your monday.com boards become the calendar and client list that your AI assistant works from. Conversations on any channel (voice, chat, SMS, WhatsApp) read from and write to the same boards your team already uses.

The screenshot shows the 'MondayCRM Settings' block in the Newo Builder interface. On the left is a sidebar with a menu containing: 1. Business, 2. Agent, 3. Knowledge Base, 4. Agent Behavior, 5. Reports, 6. Support, 10. Integration Settings, 12. MondayCRM Settings (highlighted), Module - Lead Nurturing, and Module - Outbound. The main content area is titled '12. MondayCRM Settings' and contains three configuration sections: '12-01. MondayCRM Authentication Method' with an 'OAuth' dropdown and a 'Save' button; '12-02. MondayCRM API Token' with a 'Value' input field and a 'Save' button; and '12-03. MondayCRM Client ID' with a descriptive text. At the top of the main area is a search bar and a 'Show Hidden' toggle. At the bottom left is a '<> Show Logs' link, and at the bottom right is a chat icon.

Figure S01. The MondayCRM Settings block in the Newo Builder — entry point for setup.

2. Before You Start

Make sure you have:

- an active **monday.com** account
- **admin access** to that account (you'll need to open the Developer Center)
- access to the Newo project builder for your project
- permission to edit project settings and click **Publish All**

The integration works on top of **two boards** that must already exist on your monday account:

- **Activities board** — where appointments / meetings live
- **Contacts board** — where your clients live

The boards must include a few specific columns so the agent knows where to read and write.

Activities board — required columns

Column ID	What it's for
activity_type	The kind of activity. The agent looks for Meeting .
activity_status	Status of the activity (e.g. Open , Done). The agent treats Done as not blocking.
activity_start_time	Start date and time of the appointment.
activity_end_time	End date and time of the appointment.
activity_item	A link/connection to the related item on the Contacts board.

Optional columns the agent will auto-detect and fill in if they exist:

- a **date column** — populated with the booking date for calendar views
- a **notes / long text column** — populated with booking details

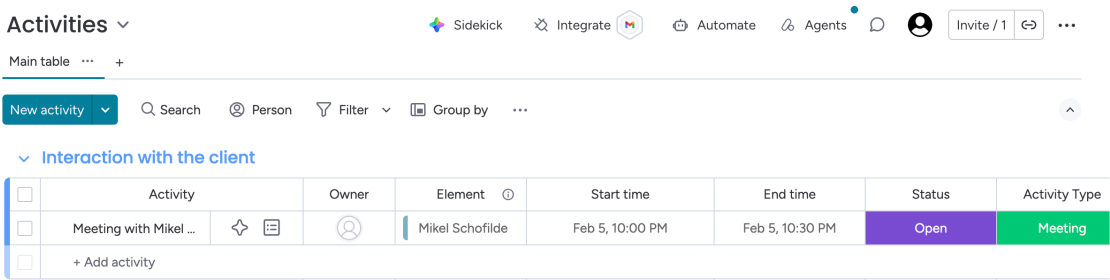


Figure S02. The Activities board — meeting items with type, status, start/end times, and a link to the Contacts board.

Contacts board — required columns

Column ID	What it's for
contact_phone	Phone number of the client. Used to recognize returning callers and to link bookings.
contact_email	Email of the client. Displayed back to the agent as context when available.

Contact	Email	Phone	Headline	Comments
Leilani Krauze	Leilani@email.com	+1 312 563 2541	CIO	
Phoenix Levi	Phoenix@email.com	+1 325 478 5698	COO	
Mikel Schofilde		880 005 553535		

Figure S03. The Contacts board — clients with phone and email columns.

Tip: If your boards use different column IDs, either rename them to match the IDs above, or reach out to us so we can help adjust the setup.

You will also need one of the following authentication methods:

- **API Token** — recommended. The simplest option. You copy one token from monday's Developer Center and paste it into Newo.
- **OAuth** — for setups where you want the assistant to connect through a monday.com app you own (for example, a published marketplace app).

Which should I use? Use **API Token** unless your implementation partner has specifically asked you to use OAuth. Both options give the agent the same capabilities — the API Token method is faster to set up.

3. Connecting for the First Time

Create the Newo project

If this project already exists in **Newo Builder**, skip this subsection and continue with the integration-specific settings below.

1. In **Newo Builder**, open the projects list and click **Create Project** (or **Create New Project** from the top-right menu).

 Create New Project menu in Newo Builder

2. Fill **IDN** and **Title**. The exact names do not matter; use any clear names your team will recognize.
3. In **Registry**, choose the release channel:
 - **staging** — the newest module fixes appear here first. Use it when you need the latest fix, but expect possible unfinished changes.
 - **production** — the final stable version for live projects.
4. In **Module**, select the module for this integration.

 Create Project form showing IDN, Title, Registry, and Module fields 5. Leave **Module version** on **Latest version** unless support tells you to pin a specific version, then click **Create**.

Both methods need your **board IDs**, so let's grab those first.

3.1 Find Your Board IDs

1. Open your monday.com account in the browser.
2. Open the **Activities board**.
3. Look at the URL in the address bar:

```
https://your-account.monday.com/boards/1234567890
```

The number at the end (in this example `1234567890`) is the **Activities board ID**. Write it down.

4. Repeat for the **Contacts board** — open it and copy the number at the end of its URL. That's the **Contacts board ID**.



```
https://captainivlievs-team.monday.com/boards/5094654186
```

Figure S04. The board ID is the number at the end of the board URL.

Tip: You can also find the board ID from the board menu: ... **menu** → **Board settings** → **Board ID**.

3.2 Connect with API Token (Recommended)

1. In monday.com, click your **profile avatar** in the top-right corner and choose **Developers**.

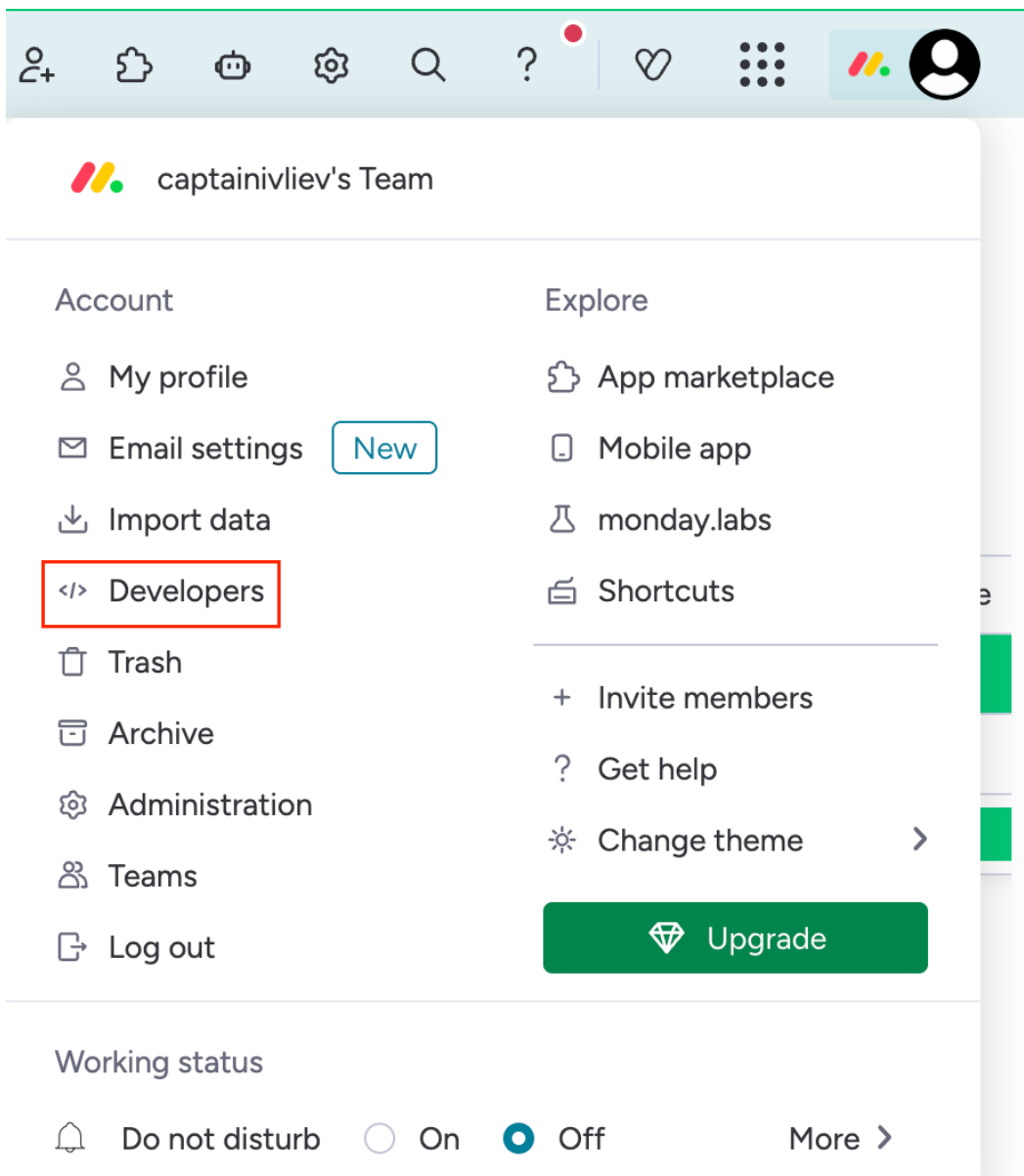


Figure S05. The Developers entry in the monday profile menu — opens the Developer Center.

2. In the Developer Center sidebar, open the **API Token** section.

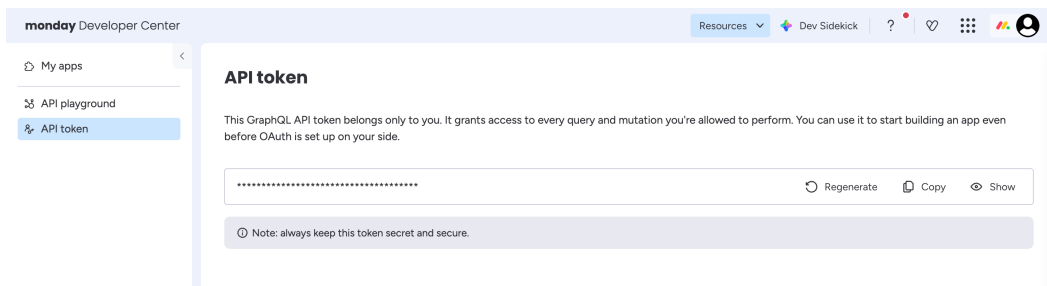


Figure S06. The API Token page in the monday Developer Center.

3. Click **Show** (or the copy icon) next to your personal API token and copy the full value.

API token

This GraphQL API token belongs only to you. It grants access to every query and mutation you're allowed to perform. You can use it to start building an app even before OAuth is set up on your side.

Regenerate

Copy

Show

Note: always keep this token secret and secure.

Figure S07. Copy the API token from the Developer Center.

4. Open your project in Newo and go to **Builder → Attributes**.
5. Find the **MondayCRM Settings** section.
6. Set **Authentication Method** (`monday_auth_type`) to `Token` .
7. Paste the token into the **API Token** (`monday_api_token`) field.
8. Fill in **Activities ID** (`activities_id`) and **Contacts ID** (`contacts_id`) from Step 3.1.
9. Click **Save** on every attribute you changed.
10. Click **Publish All**.

Important: This token gives full access to your monday.com account — do not share it publicly. If it ever leaks, regenerate it from the Developer Center; the old token stops working immediately.

3.3 Connect with OAuth

Use this method only if you want the assistant to connect through a monday.com app you own (for example, a published marketplace app).

1. In monday.com, open the Developer Center (profile avatar → **Developers**) and choose **My apps**.

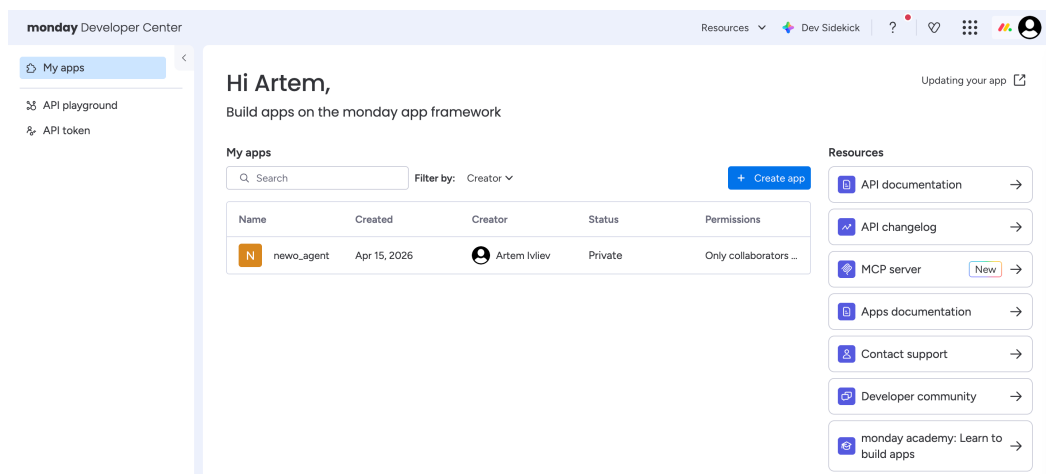
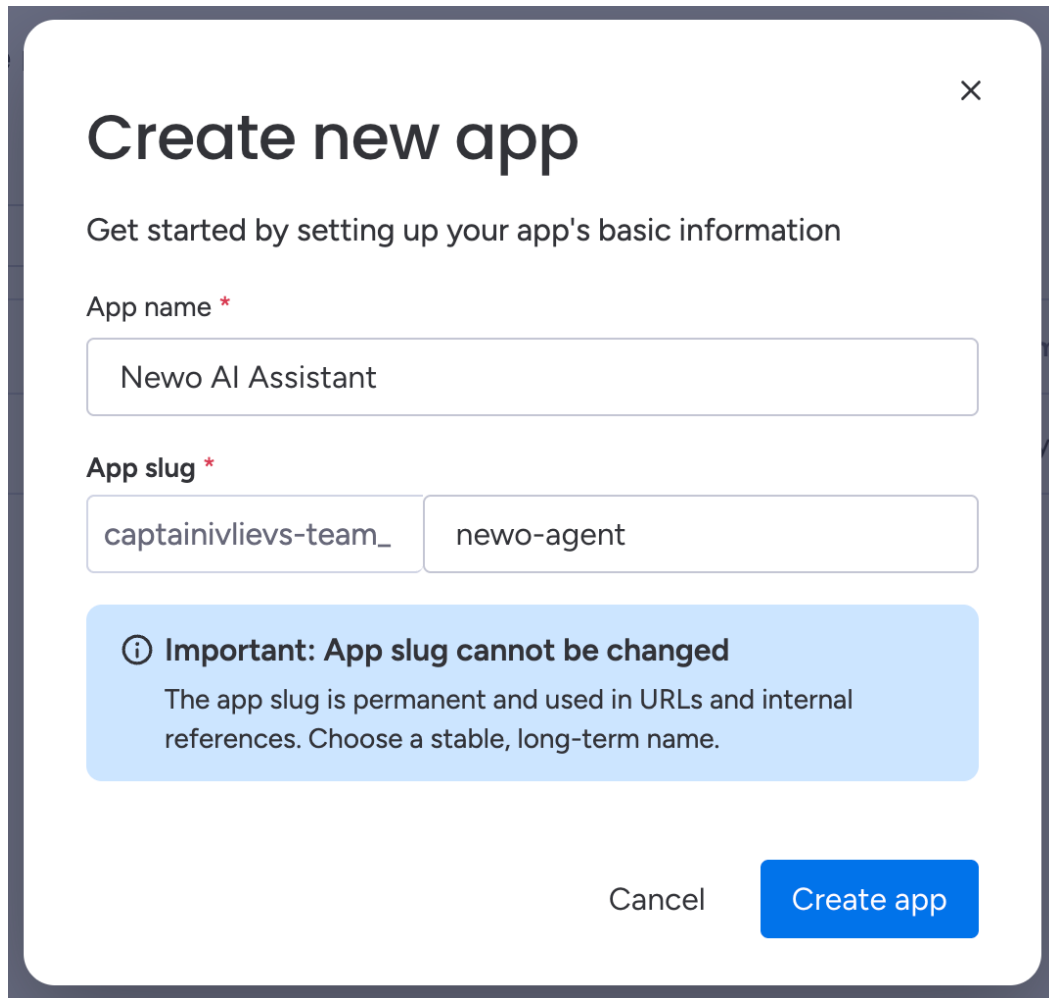


Figure S08. The My apps page in the monday Developer Center.

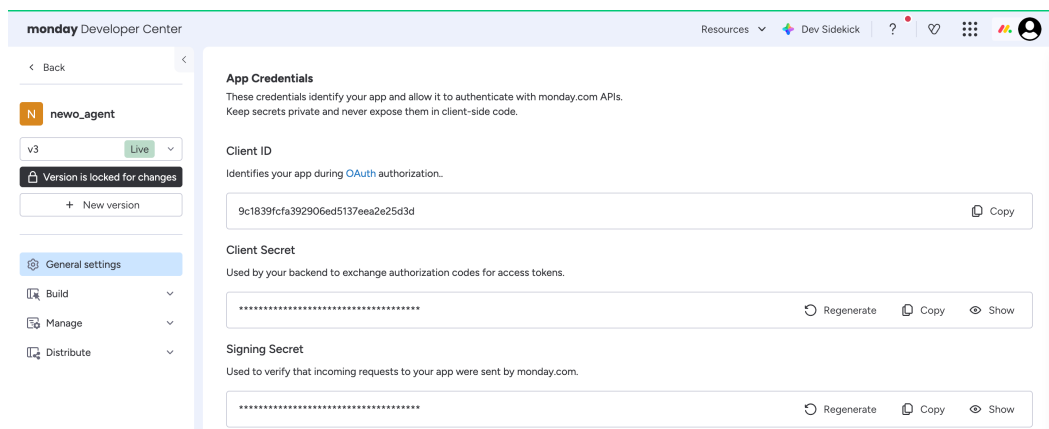
2. Open an existing app or click **Create app** and give it a name (for example `Newo AI Assistant`).



A modal dialog titled "Create new app" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is the instruction "Get started by setting up your app's basic information". There are two main input sections: "App name" with a red asterisk and a text box containing "Newo AI Assistant"; and "App slug" with a red asterisk and two text boxes containing "captainivlievs-team_" and "newo-agent". Below these is a light blue informational box with an info icon and the text: "Important: App slug cannot be changed. The app slug is permanent and used in URLs and internal references. Choose a stable, long-term name." At the bottom right are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Create app".

Figure S09. Creating a new monday app to host the OAuth connection.

3. Inside the app, open **Features** and add a new **OAuth & Permissions** feature. Copy the **Client ID** and **Client Secret** from this screen.



A screenshot of the Monday Developer Center interface. On the left is a sidebar with a "newo_agent" app listed with version "v3" and a "Live" status. Below it are links for "General settings", "Build", "Manage", and "Distribute". The main content area is titled "App Credentials" and includes a warning: "These credentials identify your app and allow it to authenticate with monday.com APIs. Keep secrets private and never expose them in client-side code." It contains three sections: "Client ID" with a text box showing "9c1839fcfa392906ed5137eea2e25d3d" and a "Copy" button; "Client Secret" with a masked text box, "Regenerate", "Copy", and "Show" buttons; and "Signing Secret" with a masked text box, "Regenerate", "Copy", and "Show" buttons.

Figure S10. The OAuth & Permissions feature page — Client ID and Client Secret live here.

4. In the **Scopes** section of the same page, enable:

- o `boards:read`
- o `boards:write`

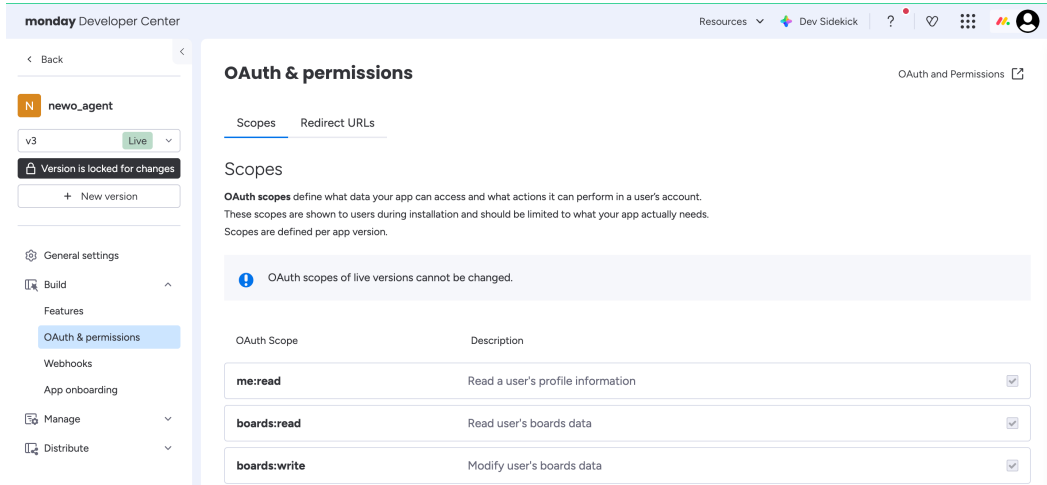


Figure S11. Required OAuth scopes.

5. In the **Redirect URIs** field, enter the redirect URI we provided you (for example `https://twinmind.pro/`) and **Save**. The redirect URI must exactly match the value you'll paste into Newo — including `https://`, slashes, and trailing characters.

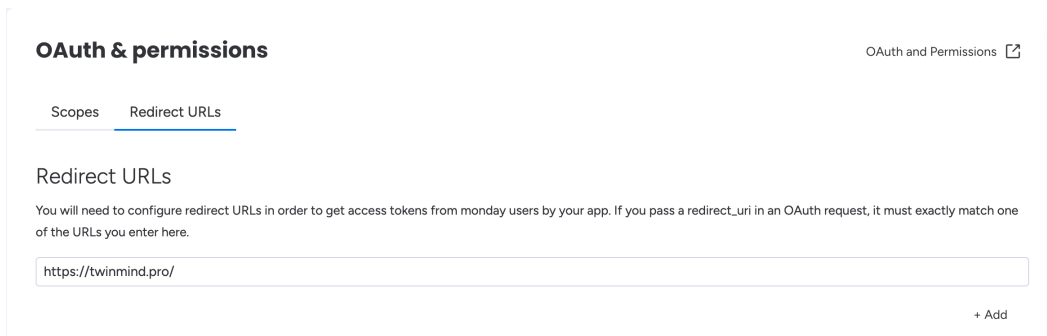


Figure S12. Redirect URI configured on the monday app.

6. On the same OAuth settings page, click the **Making OAuth request** link — monday builds it automatically using your Client ID, Redirect URI, and scopes. Open it in a new browser tab and click **Approve**.

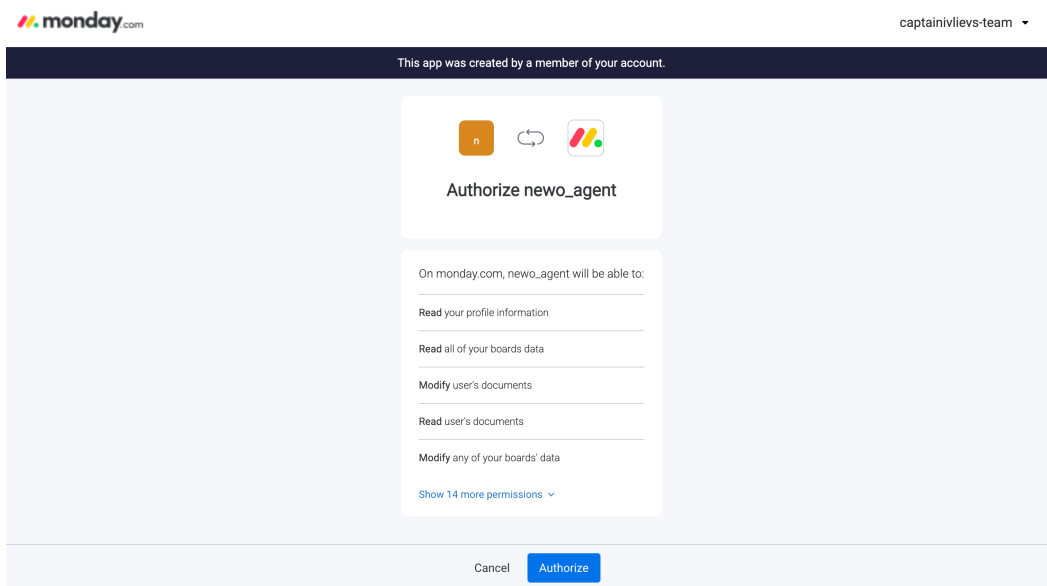


Figure S13. Approving the OAuth request for your monday app.

- After approval, monday redirects you to your redirect URI and appends a `code=...` parameter to the URL, for example:

```
https://twinmind.pro/?code=abc123xyz...&state=monday-agent-setup
```

Copy the value of the `code` parameter (everything between `code=` and `&state=`). That's your one-time **OAuth code**.

```
https://twinmind.pro/?code=9a81bc6b7b0bf32135c13e218cbca8bb&region=euc1&scope=me%3Aread+boards%3Aread+docs
```

Figure S14. Copy the OAuth code from the URL after approval.

- In Newo, open **Builder** → **Attributes** and find the **MondayCRM Settings** section.
- Set **Authentication Method** (`monday_auth_type`) to `OAuth` .
- Fill in:
 - Client ID** (`monday_client_id`)
 - Client Secret** (`monday_client_secret`)
 - OAuth Redirect URI** (`monday_redirect_uri`) — must exactly match the URI configured in step 5
 - OAuth Code** (`monday_oauth_code`)
- Fill in **Activities ID** (`activities_id`) and **Contacts ID** (`contacts_id`) from Step 3.1.
- Click **Save** on every attribute you changed.
- Click **Publish All**.

The OAuth code is **one-time and short-lived**. If setup doesn't succeed immediately, generate a fresh code (repeat step 6) and paste it again.

What happens after Publish:

- For OAuth: Newo exchanges the one-time code for a long-lived access token and stores it in the **Access Token** (`monday_access_token`) attribute.
- For Token: Newo uses the API token directly on every request.
- Newo reads your Activities board structure to auto-detect optional date and notes columns and the correct group ID for new items.
- The assistant's Canvas is updated — Via Agent booking and cancellation scenarios are installed from the Newo library and conflicting defaults are removed.
- The booking, availability, and cancellation tools are enabled for your AI agent.

4. Settings Reference

You can find all settings in **Builder → Attributes → MondayCRM Settings**.

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Module - Outbound

12. MondayCRM Settings

12-01. MondayCRM Authentication Method / [monday_auth_type](#)

Choose how the agent will connect to monday.com.
OAuth: use a monday app authorization code during setup. The integration exchanges it for an access token.
Token: paste a monday API token directly. Use this for manual setup or testing.

OAuth

Save

12-02. MondayCRM API Token / [monday_api_token](#)

Paste a monday.com API token here when Authentication Method is set to Token. You can find it in monday.com developer/API settings.

Value

Save

12-03. MondayCRM Client ID / [monday_client_id](#)

This ID is unique to your app and is used for initiating OAuth.

Show Logs

Figure S01 (repeat). The MondayCRM Settings block where every attribute below is configured.

4.1 Connection Settings

Setting	What it does	Required
Authentication Method (<code>monday_auth_type</code>)	Choose Token (recommended) or OAuth.	Yes
API Token (<code>monday_api_token</code>)	Personal API token from the monday Developer Center.	Token only
Client ID (<code>monday_client_id</code>)	OAuth Client ID from your monday app.	OAuth only

Client Secret (monday_client_secret)	OAuth Client Secret from your monday app.	OAuth only
OAuth Redirect URI (monday_redirect_uri)	Must exactly match the redirect URI in your monday app.	OAuth only
OAuth Code (monday_oauth_code)	One-time authorization code from the redirect URL.	OAuth only
Access Token (monday_access_token)	Auto-filled by Newo after a successful OAuth exchange. Do not edit by hand.	Auto

12-01. MondayCRM Authentication Method / [monday_auth_type](#)

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Token: paste a monday API token directly. Use this for manual setup or testing.

OAuth

✓ OAuth

Token

Figure S15. The Authentication Method dropdown — choose Token or OAuth.

12-02. MondayCRM API Token / [monday_api_token](#)

Paste a monday.com API token here when Authentication Method is set to Token. You can find it in monday.com developer/API settings.

your api token here

Save

Figure S16. The API Token field — used when Authentication Method is set to Token.

12-03. MondayCRM Client ID / [monday_client_id](#)

This ID is unique to your app and is used for initiating OAuth.

Save

12-04. MondayCRM Client secret / [monday_client_secret](#)

Save

12-05. MondayCRM OAuth Redirect URI / [monday_redirect_uri](#)

Save

12-06. MondayCRM OAuth Code / [monday_oauth_code](#)

Save

Figure S17. The OAuth fields — Client ID, Client Secret, Redirect URI, and OAuth Code.

4.2 Board Settings

Setting	What it does	Required
Activities ID (<code>activities_id</code>)	The ID of the Activities board (meetings/appointments).	Yes
Contacts ID (<code>contacts_id</code>)	The ID of the Contacts board (clients).	Yes
API Base URL (<code>monday_base_api_url</code>)	monday GraphQL endpoint. Default <code>https://api.monday.com/v2</code> — leave as-is.	No

12-07. MondayCRM Activities ID / [activities_id](#)

ID for Activities board.

Save

12-08. MondayCRM Contacts ID / [contacts_id](#)

Save

Figure S18. The board ID fields filled with numeric IDs from your monday URLs.

4.3 Feature On/Off Switches

Each feature can be independently enabled or disabled:

Setting	Default	What it controls
Enable Availability Check (monday_slots_available)	On	The agent can look up available time slots from the Activities board
Enable Booking (monday_booking_available)	On	The agent can create new meeting items
Enable Cancellation (monday_cancelation_available)	On	The agent can archive meeting items
Preload Availability on Session Start (monday_check_availability_on_conversation_start)	Off	Silently checks the calendar in the background before the caller asks

Recommended defaults for a new setup: leave all defaults as-is. Turn on **Preload Availability on Session Start** only if you want the agent to be slightly faster at the cost of an extra background API call per session.

4.4 Availability Tuning

Setting	Default	What it does
Slot Duration (monday_duration)	30	Length (in minutes) of an availability slot. The agent slices the day into slots of this size.
Days Ahead (monday_show_for_days)	1	How many days into the future to look at when computing availability.
Timezone (monday_timezone)	Project timezone	Controls how phrases like "3 pm tomorrow" are interpreted before being sent to monday in UTC.

4.5 Save and Publish

Important — Save each attribute individually. After editing any attribute value in the Newo admin panel, click **Save** on **that attribute** before moving on. Changes that are not saved will be discarded when you publish.

Once every attribute you changed has been saved:

1. Double-check that each field shows its new value (a saved attribute keeps the value after you click away).
2. Click **Publish All** to deploy the changes to your AI agent.

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12. MondayCRM Settings

12-01. MondayCRM Authentication Method / [monday_auth_type](#)

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OAuth: use a monday app authorization code during setup. The integration exchanges it for an access token.

Token: paste a monday API token directly. Use this for manual setup or testing.

OAuth ▾

Save

12-02. MondayCRM API Token / [monday_api_token](#)

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Paste a monday.com API token here when Authentication Method is set to Token. You can find it in monday.com developer/API settings.

your api token here

Save

Figure S19. Save each attribute, then click Publish All to deploy the changes.

5. What the AI Agent Can Do

5.1 Check Availability

The AI looks at your Activities board, finds the meetings already booked for the requested day, and offers free slots based on **Slot Duration** and **Days Ahead**.

Example: *"Do you have anything tomorrow afternoon?"* → the agent checks your Activities board and reads back the open times.

You will see in monday.com: no record is created at this step.

5.2 Book an Appointment

The AI books the appointment the caller confirms.

What happens automatically:

- Newo searches the Contacts board for the caller's phone number.
- If the contact does not exist, Newo creates a new contact (name + phone).
- A new meeting item is created on the Activities board with the right start/end time, type **Meeting**, status **Open**.
- The meeting item is linked to the contact via the `activity_item` connection.

You will see in monday.com: a new meeting item on the Activities board, plus a new or existing contact on the Contacts board.

5.3 Cancel an Appointment

The AI handles cancellation requests during the conversation.

You will see in monday.com: the meeting item is archived (not deleted — it can still be restored from the board's Archived view).

*The agent can only cancel an appointment it has context for. Make sure your Canvas includes the cancellation scenario (it is added automatically when **Auto-Setup Canvas Scenarios** runs on first publish — see Section 7).*

5.4 Recognize Returning Clients

When a call comes in with a caller ID, the AI looks up the phone number on the Contacts board and loads any upcoming meetings linked to that contact. The agent enters the conversation already knowing who's calling and what they have on the calendar.

You will see in monday.com: no record is created. This works silently in the background.

6. How to Test That Everything Works

Before going live, run through this checklist on a test contact.

6.1 After Setup

After clicking **Publish All**, confirm:

- ☐ **Authentication Method** is set to either `OAuth` or `Token`
- ☐ For Token mode: **API Token** is filled in
- ☐ For OAuth mode: **Access Token** is filled in (auto-populated by Newo after a successful exchange)
- ☐ **Activities ID** and **Contacts ID** match your boards
- ☐ No error messages appear in the publish log

6.2 Test Availability

1. Start a test chat or call session.
2. Ask: "What times are available tomorrow?"
3. Confirm the agent returns a list of times that match the gaps between meetings already on your Activities board.

6.3 Test Booking

1. Ask the agent to book a specific time (ideally outside your busy hours).
2. Provide a test name and phone number.
3. Open monday.com — a new meeting item should appear on the Activities board with the correct start/end time and a link to a contact on the Contacts board (a new contact is created if the test phone wasn't there).

6.4 Test Cancellation

1. Ask the agent to cancel the appointment created in step 6.3.
2. Open monday.com — the meeting item should now be in the Archived state on the Activities board.

6.5 Test Returning Client Recognition

1. Start a session from a phone number that already exists on your Contacts board.
2. The agent should greet the caller with context about their existing booking.

7. Canvas Auto-Setup

When the integration is published for the first time, Newo automatically updates your Canvas:

- conflicting default scheduling and cancellation scenarios are removed
- the **Via Agent** booking scenario is added from the Newo library — so the agent knows how to drive a booking conversation
- the **Via Agent** cancellation scenario is added — so the agent knows how to handle "I want to cancel my appointment"

What this means for you:

- you get a working starting point out of the box
- you can customize these scenarios for your business
- if you make significant Canvas customizations, re-test after any reconnect or Publish

These are starter templates, not a finished conversation design. Review them and adjust to match your business language and workflows.

8. Reconnecting and Rotating Credentials

When do I need to reconnect?

- The OAuth access token has been revoked or your monday app was uninstalled
- You rotated or regenerated the API token in monday
- The agent suddenly stopped checking availability, booking, or cancelling
- You changed the redirect URI on your monday app

How to rotate the API Token

1. In monday's Developer Center, open the API Token page and click **Regenerate**. The old token stops working immediately.
2. Copy the new token.
3. Paste it into the **API Token** field in Newo.
4. Click **Save** and then **Publish All**.
5. Run a quick availability test.

How to re-authorize OAuth

1. Generate a fresh OAuth code by reopening the **Making OAuth request** link from your monday app and approving again.
2. Paste the new code into the **OAuth Code** field in Newo.
3. Click **Save** and then **Publish All**.
4. Confirm a new value appears in the **Access Token** field.
5. Run a quick availability test.

The safe reconnect rule

Any time you change credentials, always do all three:

1. **Save** the attribute
2. **Publish All**
3. Run at least one live test (availability or booking)

9. Troubleshooting

The agent says it cannot check availability, book, or cancel

Likely cause: the credentials or board IDs are missing or invalid.

Fix:

1. Open Newo and check that **Authentication Method** is set.
 2. For Token mode — confirm **API Token** is not empty.
 3. For OAuth mode — confirm **Client ID**, **Client Secret**, **Redirect URI**, and **OAuth Code** are filled, and that **Access Token** is populated after publish. If **Access Token** is still empty, generate a fresh OAuth code (Section 3.3 step 6) and Publish again.
 4. Confirm **Activities ID** and **Contacts ID** are valid numeric IDs from the URLs of your boards.
 5. Click **Publish All** after any change.
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My OAuth code keeps failing

- OAuth codes are **one-time** and **short-lived**. If setup didn't succeed immediately, the code may already be used or expired — generate a new one.
 - The **Redirect URI** in the Newo admin panel must **exactly match** the one configured in your monday app — check for trailing slashes, `http` vs `https`, and typos.
 - Make sure your Client ID, Client Secret, and Redirect URI all come from the same monday app.
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Bookings are created but with no times in the date column

Likely cause: the agent only auto-fills date/notes columns it can detect. If your board uses non-standard column IDs they may not be picked up.

Fix: rename the optional date column ID to start with `date_` and the long-text column ID to start with `long_text_` (or use the title `Date` / `Notes`). Re-publish.

The agent can't recognize returning clients

- Check that the phone number on your Contacts board is stored in the `contact_phone` column.
 - Phone numbers need to be in a consistent format (we recommend the international format, e.g. `+15551234567`).
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The agent found a different time slot than I expected

- Check the **Timezone** attribute (`monday_timezone`). It controls how *"3 pm tomorrow"* is interpreted before the value is sent to monday in UTC.
 - Confirm that the items on your Activities board have correct `activity_start_time` / `activity_end_time` values.
-

A booked meeting is not blocking new availability

- Confirm the meeting item has `activity_type` = **Meeting** and `activity_status` is not **Done** — the agent ignores anything marked Done.
 - Confirm `activity_start_time` and `activity_end_time` are populated.
-

New columns I added to the boards are not being used

Fix: click **Publish All**. The board metadata (columns, group ID) is refreshed on every publish.

I'm nervous about sharing the API token

- You can **regenerate the API token** in the monday Developer Center at any time. The moment you do, the old token stops working.
- If you ever want to disconnect the agent entirely, regenerate the token (Token mode) or revoke the OAuth app (OAuth mode). Access is cut off immediately.

10. FAQ

Does this create real records in monday.com? Yes. Bookings, cancellations, and contact creation all happen on your live monday boards.

Which connection method should I use? Use **API Token** unless your implementation partner has a specific reason to use OAuth. Both methods give the agent the same capabilities.

Can one setup handle multiple monday accounts? No. Each Newo project connects to one monday account and one pair of boards. Use separate Newo projects for separate monday accounts.

Can I use my existing monday boards? Yes — as long as they have the required column IDs (see Section 2). If your boards use different column IDs, either rename them to match or contact us.

Can the agent recognize returning customers automatically? Yes — when the caller's phone number is available, the agent looks them up on the Contacts board and pulls their upcoming bookings into the conversation.

Does the integration support rescheduling? Not directly. The agent will cancel the existing booking and create a new one for the new time.

What does Canvas Auto-Setup do? On first publish, Newo removes conflicting default scenarios from your Canvas and installs the Via Agent booking and cancellation scenarios from the library. These are starting templates — review and customize them for your business.

Can the agent detect the caller's timezone? Times are interpreted using the `monday_timezone` attribute. If you operate across multiple timezones, talk to us about per-conversation timezone overrides.

What happens if my OAuth access token expires? Re-run the OAuth flow (Section 8). Paste a fresh OAuth code, Save, and Publish All — Newo will exchange it for a new access token and overwrite the old one.

What is the safest first test? Ask the agent for tomorrow's availability. It only reads from the board (no records are created), so it's a safe way to confirm the connection works.

11. Support Handoff Notes

When handing off to a support or partner team, make sure they know:

- which connection method is active (Token or OAuth)
- which monday account is connected
- the **Activities ID** and **Contacts ID** in use
- which features are enabled or disabled
- whether Canvas Auto-Setup was used or the Canvas was customized afterwards

The two most common fixes for any issue:

1. Reconnect credentials and click **Publish All**
2. Run a quick availability or booking test to confirm recovery